

1 his or her shift or prior to his or her entering the mine to make
2 his or her examination and, except for those persons already on
3 assigned duty, no person except the mine owner, operator or agent,
4 and only then in the case of necessity, shall pass beyond this
5 danger signal until the mine has been examined by the fire boss or
6 other certified person and the mine or certain parts thereof
7 reported by him or her to be safe. When reported by him or her to
8 be safe, the danger sign or color thereof shall be changed to
9 indicate that the mine is safe in order that employees going on
10 shift may begin work. Each person designated to make the fire boss
11 examinations shall be assigned a definite underground area of the
12 mine, and, in making his or her examination shall examine all
13 active working places in the assigned area and make tests with an
14 approved device for accumulations of methane and oxygen deficiency;
15 examine seals and doors; examine and test the roof, face and ribs
16 in the working places and on active roadways and travelways,
17 approaches to abandoned workings, accessible falls in active
18 sections and areas where any person is scheduled to work or travel
19 underground; and examine the quantity of air where diesel equipment
20 operates. He or she shall place his or her initials and the date at
21 or near the face of each place he or she examines. Should he or she
22 find a condition which he or she considers dangerous to persons
23 entering the areas, he or she shall place a conspicuous danger sign
24 at all entrances to the place or places. Only persons authorized by

1 the mine management may enter the places while the sign is posted
2 and only for the purpose of eliminating the dangerous condition.
3 Upon completing his or her examination he or she shall report by
4 suitable communication system or in person the results of this
5 examination to a certified person designated by mine management to
6 receive and record the report, at a designated station on the
7 surface of the premises of the mine or underground, before other
8 persons enter the mine to work in coal-producing shifts. He or she
9 shall also record the results of his or her examination with ink or
10 indelible pencil in a book prescribed by the director, kept for the
11 purpose at a place on the surface of the mine designated by mine
12 management. All records of daily and weekly reports, as prescribed
13 herein, shall be open for inspection by interested persons.

14 (b) *Supplemental examination.* -- When it becomes necessary to
15 have workers enter areas of the mine not covered during the
16 preshift examination, a supplemental examination shall be performed
17 by a fire boss or certified person acting as such within three
18 hours before any person enters the area. The fire boss or
19 certified person acting as such shall examine the area for
20 hazardous conditions, determine if air is traveling in its proper
21 direction and test for oxygen deficiency and methane.

22 (c) Each examined area shall be certified by date, time and
23 the initials of the examiner.

24 (d) The results of the examination shall be recorded with ink

1 or indelible pencil by the examiner in the book referenced in
2 subsection (a) of this section before he or she leaves the mine on
3 that shift.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require underground mines
fire boss examinations include examining of air quantity where
diesel equipment operates.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from
the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would
be added.